

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 2 without prejudice and amended claim 6 to include all of the limitations of claim 5. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Final Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Fukunaga, stating that Fukunaga discloses a socket comprising a socket body 1, a plurality of contact pins 13 disposed on the socket body 1, a rest face, a pair of resilient pieces 13e, 13d, having contact portions, two slide 12 sliding in different directions by applying a pressing force as shown in Figs. 16-18, and an upper operating member 7 applying and releasing the pressing force thereby increasing and decreasing the resilient deformation of the resilient pieces 13e, 13d.

Firstly, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview wherein the construction of Fukunaga was discussed and Applicant pointed out the structure of Fukunaga to the Examiner.

With the telephonic interview in mind, Applicant would like to direct the Examiner's attention to Figs. 16-18 and it is clear that element 12 as shown in Figs. 16-18 makes no horizontal movement and in fact is stationary. In addition, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to col. 4, lines 54-56 wherein it describes that the shaft 11 on the bar 9 is caused to slide on the bearing surface 12b of the slide support member 12 so that the cover 7 can move up and down. From Figs. 16-18 and this description, Applicant respectfully submits that elements 12 do not slide in a horizontal direction. Still further, Applicant respectfully submits that the pins 13e and 13d are caused to be deformed by the upward and downward movement of element 3 and the element 3 does not move horizontally as is clear from Figs. 21A-22C. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that there are no slide plates in Fukunaga which make horizontal sliding movement in different directions relative to the slide body and that this horizontal sliding movement in different directions is caused by the upward and downward urging motion provided to the upper operating member.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Fukunaga does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's claim 3-5 and claims 3-5 are not anticipated thereby.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 6 is a dependent claim which contains allowable subject matter and could be put in condition for allowance by rewriting it into independent form. Applicant has amended claim 6 to make it into independent form and respectfully submits that it is now allowable.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Rule 116 Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

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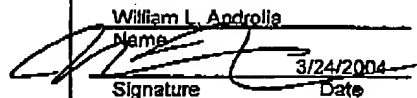
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